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| 1. The Notice of Appeal filed on is no   | t acceptable because:  |  |
| (a) it was not timely filed.   |  |  |
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| (c) the appeal fee received on w   | ras not timely filed.  |  |
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| <ul><li>(e)  the appeal is not in compliance with<br/>rejection in this application.</li></ul>           | 37 CFR 1.191 in that there is no re  | cord of a second or a final                        |
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| 2. The appeal brief filed on is NOT a  | cceptable for the reason(s) indicated  | i below:   |
| (a)  the brief and/or brief fee is untimely  | . See 37 CFR 1.192.  |  |
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| The appeal in this application will be dism brief and requisite fee. Extensions of time                  |  |  |
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| <ul><li>(a)  the statutory fee for filing the brief a<br/>period for obtaining an extension of</li></ul> | is required under 37 CFR 1.17(c) wa<br>f time to file the brief under 37 CFR | as not timely submitted and the 1.136 has expired. |
| (b)  the brief was not timely filed and the<br>CFR 1.136 has expired.                                    | e period for obtaining an extension o  | of time to file the brief under 37                 |
| (c) Request for Continued Examination  | n (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 was fil   | led on   |
| (d)  |  |  |
| 4. 🛛 Because of the dismissal of the appeal, t   | his application:   |  |
| (a) $oxed{oxed}$ is abandoned because there are no   |  |  |
| <ul><li>(b) is before the examiner for final disp<br/>on the merits remains CLOSED.</li></ul>            | osition because it contains allowed  | claims. Prosecution                                |
| (c) is before the examiner for considerate to 37 CFR 1.114.  | ation of the submission and prosecu  | tion has been reopened pursuant                    |
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